

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) An expert Committee set up in the past by the Government had estimated losses of foodgrains at various stages as under:-

Threshing	:	1.68%
Processing	:	0.92%
Transport	:	0.15%
Rodent	:	2.50%
Birds	:	0.85%
Insects	:	2.55%
Moisture	:	0.68%
Total	:	9.33%

(b) To minimise foodgrains losses, the following main techniques have been developed and propagated through Save Grain Campaign:-

- (i) Development of several designs of metallic bins and non-metallic storage structure;
- (ii) Development of a fumigant mixture viz. EDB plus for insect control;
- (iii) Standardisation of dosages of pesticides such as Aluminium Phosphide, Ethylene Dibromide, Malathion and DDVP;
- (iv) Testing and standardisation of dosages of several formulations and rodenticides;
- (v) Development of a number of codes of practices for safe storage of foodgrains;

(vi) Training of farmers, village level workers etc. in scientific storage of foodgrains; and

(vii) Publicity and dissemination of information through radio talks, TV programmes, press reports, exhibitions, film/slide shows etc.

Reserved Posts lying Vacant in Public Sector Undertaking

4368. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
DR. ASIM BALA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether about two lakh posts reserved for the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various categories are lying vacant in the Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, the special campaign being launched by the Government to fill up these vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) NO, Sir. Only 12,149 vacancies reserved for SC/ST, including backlog vacancies, in various categories are lying unfilled in PSUs as on 31.3.1991.

(b) The Special Recruitment Drives for filling up of the vacancies reserved for SC/ST in PSUs were launched in 1989 and 1990. Another Special Recruitment Drive to fill up the vacancies reported, 1,542 vacancies have already been filled.

Joint Project for Polio Vaccine

4369. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:
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